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**WAXMAN CALLS FOR F-15 PLANES FOR ISRAEL**

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) has co-authored a House Joint Resolution calling on the Secretary of Defense to include F-15 fighter planes, electronic counter measures and other sophisticated military equipment in this year's arms shipments to Israel.

Waxman said the Joint Resolution was prompted by Congressional concern over Soviet arms shipments to Arab countries.

"As we saw during the Yom Kippur War, the Egyptian army and air force have been supplied with the most up-to-date aircraft, missiles and anti-missile systems available from the Soviet Union. The U.S.S.R. has resupplied both Egypt and Syria since the 1973 conflict. The Soviet arms shipment to the Arabs continue to include the latest and best items in the Soviet arsenal," Waxman said.

The Joint Resolution does not call for additional appropriations. Waxman said,

"Under Public Law 94-11, \$300 million in foreign military credit sales has already been appropriated for Israel. The Defense Department has considerable discretion in deciding the kinds of military supplies Israel will receive. Our Resolution urges that the F-15 fighter plane and other advanced equipment be included.

Waxman expressed the fear that chances for success in current peace negotiations would be undermined if the Arab world continued to doubt American commitments to Israel.

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